Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (Currently amended) A method for restricting use of a clipboard application, the method comprising:

determining whether ~~receiving~~ a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application has been made;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured file includes a header having a file key available to an authenticated user, and wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without [[a]]the file key ~~available to an authenticated user, wherein said determining is performed by one or more computers~~; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second destination application via the clipboard application in response to determining ~~if it is determined~~ that the source file is the secured file.

2.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the second destination application.

3.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the paste

selection requests to paste the designated content to a destination file that is opened

within the second destination application.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the copy

selection is a copy command, and wherein the paste selection is a paste command.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the

determining operates to determine that the source file is the secured file based on security

information provided by the first source application.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 5, wherein the

security information pertains to the source document.

7-9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the

preventing comprises:

        storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the

designated content if it is determined in response to determining that the source

file is the secured file.

11.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 10, wherein the

preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application ~~if it is~~

~~determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is not the secured file.

12.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 11, further comprising:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the second

destination application;

supplying the predetermined content from the clipboard application to the

second destination application in response to the paste selection ~~if it is~~

~~determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is the secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the

second destination application in response to the paste selection ~~if it is~~

~~determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is not the secured file.

13-15. (Canceled)

16.   (Currently amended) A method for restricting use of a clipboard

application, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source

file being displayed by a first source application;

~~storing the designated content to the clipboard application;~~

determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured

file includes a header having a file key available to an authenticated user, and

wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without [[a]]the file key ~~available to~~

~~an authenticated user~~, wherein said determining is performed by one or more ~~computers~~computing devices; and

preventing subsequent storage of the designated content to a second destination application via the clipboard application ~~if it is determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is the secured file.

17.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 16, further comprising storing alternate content to the clipboard application ~~in place of the designated content~~ if ~~it is determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is the secured file.

18.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the alternate content is one or more of blank content, predetermined content, or scrambled content.

19.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application ~~if~~ ~~it is determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is not the secured file.

20.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 16, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application ~~if~~

~~it is determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is not the secured

file.

21.   (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 20, wherein the

determining operates to determine that the source file is the secured file based on security

information provided by the first source application.

22.   (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the

security information pertains to the source document.

23 - 39.   (Canceled)

40.   (Currently amended) A tangible computer readable medium having

~~computer program code~~ instructions stored thereon, ~~that if executed by a processor,~~

~~causes the processor to restrict~~ for restricting the use of a clipboard application ~~by a~~

~~method~~, the instructions comprising:

        instructions to receive ~~receiving~~ a copy selection associated with

designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application;

        ~~storing the designated content to the clipboard application;~~

        instructions to determine ~~determining~~ whether the source file is a secured

file, wherein the secured file includes a header having a file key available to an

authenticated user, and wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without

[[a]]the file key ~~available to an authenticated user~~; and

instructions to prevent ~~preventing~~ subsequent usage of the designated

content in a second destination application via the clipboard application ~~if it is~~

~~determined~~ in response to determining that the source file is the secured file.

41.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein said

preventing comprises:

storing blank content to the clipboard application ~~instead of the~~

~~designated content if said determining determines~~ in response to determining that

the source file is a secured file.

42.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 41, wherein said

preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application ~~if said~~

~~determining determines~~ in response to determining that the source file is not a

secured file.

43.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 42, wherein said

method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the <u>second</u>

destination application;

supplying the blank content from the clipboard application to the <u>second</u>

destination application in response to the paste selection ~~if said determining~~

~~determines~~ in response to determining that the source file is secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the

second destination application in response to the paste selection ~~if said~~

~~determining determines~~ in response to determining that the source file is not a

secured file.

44.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein said

preventing comprises:

storing scrambled content to the clipboard application ~~instead of the~~

~~designated content if said determining determines~~ in response to determining that

the source file is a secured file.

45.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 44, wherein said

preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application ~~if said~~

~~determining determines~~ in response to determining that the source file is not a

secured file.

46.   (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 45, further comprising:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the second

destination application;

supplying the scrambled content from the clipboard application to the

second destination application in response to the paste selection if said

determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the

second destination application in response to the paste selection ~~if said~~

~~determining determines~~ in response to determining that the source file is not a

secured file.